

WHEREAS, The *Astrodon johnstoni* was the first identified dinosaur in Maryland and was one of the earliest dinosaur finds in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The *Astrodon johnstoni* was the first sauropod described in North America; and

WHEREAS, The largest dinosaur bone ever found in the State was the leg bone of an *Astrodon johnstoni*, discovered in 1991 in a quarry in Muirkirk, Maryland; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article - State Government**

13-315.

THE ASTRODON JOHNSTONI IS THE STATE DINOSAUR.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 12, 1998.

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**CHAPTER 404**

**(House Bill 1170)**

AN ACT concerning

**State Dinosaur - *Astrodon johnstoni***

FOR the purpose of designating the dinosaur "*Astrodon johnstoni*" as the State dinosaur.

BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section 13-315

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

**Preamble**

WHEREAS, Teeth from the dinosaur *Astrodon johnstoni* were first recovered in Muirkirk, Maryland in 1858; and

WHEREAS, The *Astrodon johnstoni* was the first identified dinosaur in Maryland and was one of the earliest dinosaur finds in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The *Astrodon johnstoni* was the first sauropod described in North America; and